

and famous. He did not have to work for money anymore. Now he could spend time on his hobbies.

Ben the Scientist

Ben loved to do experiments. His most famous experiment was with electricity. He tied a metal key onto a kite. He flew the kite during a storm. When lightning struck the key, it made a spark. Ben proved that lightning was electricity.

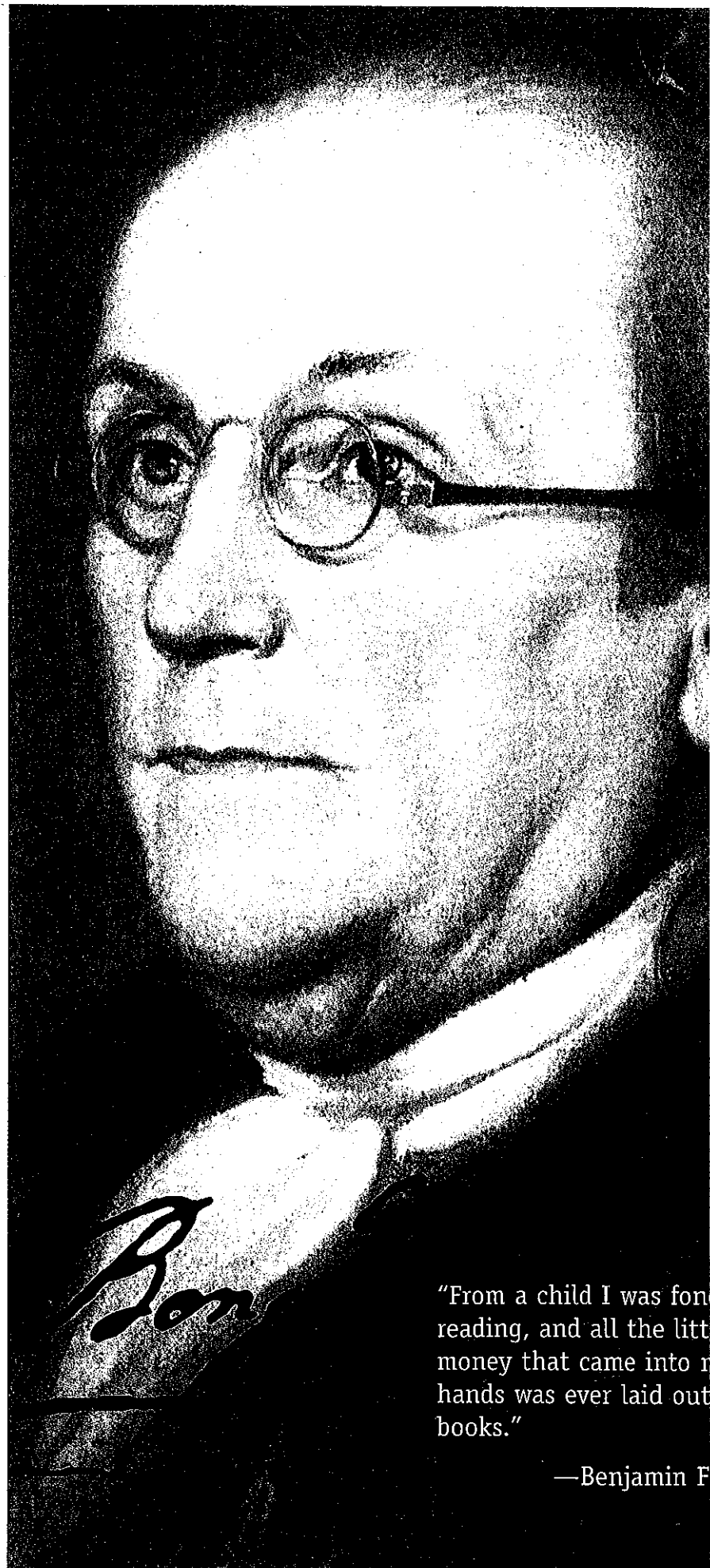
After spending a cold night at an inn, Ben went to work on a way to keep a whole room warm. He invented the Franklin stove. It sent the warm air back into the room instead of up the chimney.

Ben Franklin also started the first lending library. People who could not afford to buy books could borrow them. We also owe him thanks for street paving, street lighting, street cleaning, police and fire departments, bifocal glasses, the lightning rod, the best cure for a cold (sleep, good diet, and fresh air), and a plan for uniting the colonies.

Ben the Leader

Benjamin Franklin wanted his country to be free from England. He worked with the other Patriots. He signed the Declaration of Independence. After the war, he helped Pennsylvania plan its new government. He also helped write the United States Constitution.

Massachusetts in the American Revolution



"From a child I was fond of reading, and all the little money that came into my hands was ever laid out in books."

—Benjamin F